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***Raised Bill No. 1395***

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Referred to Committee on Human Services

Introduced by:  
(HS )

***AN ACT CONCERNING INDEPENDENT TRANSPORTATION NETWORKS.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1       Section 1. (*Effective July 1, 2007*) (a) For the fiscal year ending June  
2       30, 2008, the Commissioner of Social Services shall provide a grant in  
3       the amount of twenty-five thousand dollars to each of the five  
4       municipalities previously selected by the Department of Social Services  
5       for the development and implementation of community-based  
6       regional transportation systems, provided, prior to the disbursement  
7       of any grant made pursuant to this section, a municipality shall  
8       demonstrate to the satisfaction of the Commissioner of Social Services  
9       that such municipality has secured additional private funds, in an  
10      amount of not less than twenty-five thousand dollars, that shall be  
11      used for the continued development and planning of community-  
12      based regional transportation systems.

13      (b) Not later than December 31, 2007, the Commissioner of Social  
14      Services shall select an additional five municipalities that shall be  
15      eligible to receive grants during the fiscal year ending June 30, 2008,  
16      for the planning, development and implementation of community-

17 based regional transportation systems as provided for in section 55 of  
18 public act 05-280, as amended by section 40 of public act 06-118. The  
19 commissioner, when selecting the additional five municipalities  
20 eligible to receive such grants under this section, shall consider  
21 transportation needs on a state-wide basis so as to ensure that all  
22 geographic areas of the state are included in the development of the  
23 community-based regional transportation systems.

24 (c) For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2008, the Commissioner of  
25 Social Services shall, within existing budgetary resources, in an  
26 amount not to exceed one hundred twenty-five thousand dollars,  
27 provide grants not to exceed twenty-five thousand dollars for each  
28 grant, to the five municipalities selected pursuant to subsection (b) of  
29 this section or to a nonprofit organization located within any such  
30 municipality. Such grants shall be used by such municipality or  
31 nonprofit organization to develop and plan community-based regional  
32 transportation systems that, through a combination of private  
33 donations and user fees, provide transportation services on behalf of  
34 elderly persons. Prior to the disbursement of any grant made pursuant  
35 to this subsection, a municipality selected to receive such grant shall  
36 demonstrate to the satisfaction of the commissioner that such  
37 municipality, or nonprofit organization located within such  
38 municipality, as the case may be, has secured additional private funds,  
39 in an amount of not less than twenty-five thousand dollars, that shall  
40 be used to develop and plan community-based regional transportation  
41 systems. Any municipality or nonprofit organization located within  
42 such municipality, selected to receive a grant pursuant to this section,  
43 shall, to the extent practicable, model such community-based regional  
44 transportation system on the ITNAmerica model and shall work  
45 cooperatively with the regional planning agency of which the  
46 municipality is a member in planning and developing such  
47 community-based regional transportation system.

48 Sec. 2. Section 38a-351 of the general statutes is repealed and the  
49 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2007*):

50 No insurer shall refuse to renew any automobile liability policy, as  
 51 defined in section 38a-341, or assign any surcharge on any automobile  
 52 liability insurance premium solely on the basis that the named insured  
 53 or any operator either resident in the same household or who  
 54 customarily operates an automobile insured under the policy is either  
 55 (1) a volunteer fireman, [or] (2) a member of a volunteer ambulance  
 56 company who performs volunteer ambulance duties, as defined in  
 57 section 19a-189, or (3) a volunteer driver for a community-based  
 58 regional transportation system, established pursuant to section 1 of  
 59 this act.

60 Sec. 3. (*Effective July 1, 2007*) The sum of one hundred twenty-five  
 61 thousand dollars is appropriated to the Department of Social Services,  
 62 from the General Fund, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2008, for the  
 63 purpose of providing an additional grant in the amount of twenty-five  
 64 thousand dollars to each of the five municipalities previously selected  
 65 by the department for the development and implementation of  
 66 community-based regional transportation systems.

67 Sec. 4. (*Effective July 1, 2007*) The sum of one hundred twenty-five  
 68 thousand dollars is appropriated to the Department of Social Services,  
 69 from the General Fund, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2008, for the  
 70 purpose of providing a grant in the amount of twenty-five thousand  
 71 dollars to each of the additional five municipalities selected by the  
 72 department, pursuant to subsection (b) of section 1 of this act, for the  
 73 development and implementation of community-based regional  
 74 transportation systems.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2007</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2007</i>	38a-351
Sec. 3	<i>July 1, 2007</i>	New section
Sec. 4	<i>July 1, 2007</i>	New section

***Statement of Purpose:***

To continue the design and implementation of community-based regional transportation systems on a state-wide basis.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*